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Convocation Opens 36th School Year

With a convocation on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m., September 12, the thirty-sixth year was officially opened at Bryan College. Registration for some 260 students from 30 states and 8 foreign countries followed on the two succeeding days with classes beginning on September 15.

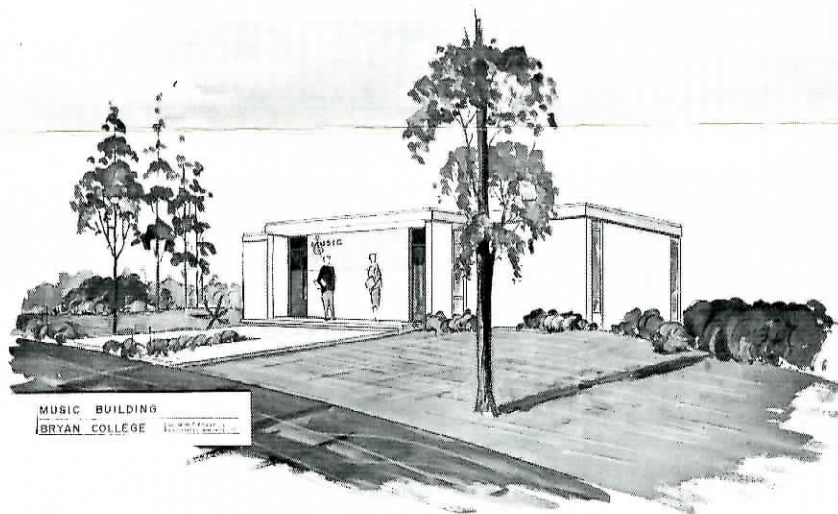


Mr. Tatham

Each evening of the first week, Mr. Ernest Tatham, a member of the pastoral staff of the Palm Bible Chapel of North Palm Beach, Florida, delivered a series of messages in the college chapel on Christian living with practical studies from the life of David. The week found its climax in the formal faculty reception for new students on Saturday evening.

The pre-school conference week started September 6 with a morning training period for the office and library staff. All employees retreated in the afternoon at Watts Bar Resort for spiritual refreshing through the ministry of the Rev. Earle Stevens, Bryan trustee and pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, of Chattanooga, and for dinner at Pete Smith's restaurant. Faculty and administrators engaged in discussion and planning sessions during the two succeeding days at the college.

On Thursday of the workshop week, dormitory proctors met at the summer resort cottage of trustee Harry Johnson near Spring City for a day's orientation and planning sessions with the personnel deans. That evening all college employees and their families, students, trustees, and visiting patrons shared in the family picnic supper on the campus.



Music Hall Constructed; Other Areas Renovated

The construction of the new music building and renovation of several areas of the administration building have occupied construction crews during a good portion of the summer. Some work will continue during the early weeks of the fall term to bring these projects to completion.

The music building provides studios for L. Daryle Worley, head of the music department who specializes in voice instruction, and Miss Elaine Smetters, assistant professor in music who is piano and organ teacher. Four sound-proofed practice rooms will be shared by the music students in the air-conditioned building. The new

Student leaders including class and club officers joined the proctors in planning sessions on Friday with faculty sponsors and personnel deans at Watts Bar resort.

The final Saturday before the official opening was the initial day for the 130 new students who met with administrators and faculty for orientation and briefing sessions.

building is located across the drive at the south end of the administration building.

A major renovation project sponsored by personal gifts of the trustees includes laying of a terrazzo floor, installing an acoustical tile ceiling, and plastering the walls of the 200-foot long hallway in the area of the administrative offices.

An additional project sponsored by the Bryan Women's Auxiliary has provided a new tile floor for the public relations and alumni office, installed a ceiling and repainted the walls of these offices and the student records' office. The offices of the president, the dean, and the dean of women were also included in the painting project.

Two areas on the ground floor formerly used by the music department have been renovated for classrooms for the business department. The education department is using the third floor lounge and additional classroom and office space for its expanding needs.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As I look at two academic years, one in retrospect and the other in prospect, a number of trends are discernible which will be of interest to the friends of Bryan. I hope that many of you will plan to visit us during this school year to see for yourself what the Lord is doing among us, and I trust that all who read this column will pray for us regularly as we work together in our Christian training program.



Dr. Mercer

The total enrollment of unduplicated registrations for the past full academic year was 330, the highest in the college history. This number subdivides into 289 for the two semesters and 41 new persons for the summer sessions, which attracted an overall enrollment of 89. The fulltime equivalent (in terms of tuition paid) was 269.

The class of 1965 numbering 62 was also the largest in the college history. A degree of acceleration, especially the use of the summer sessions by regular degree students, has led to an increasing number of students completing work in January and August as well as in June.

This fall's enrollment, which will not be finally known until late September, appears favorable with the number of new student applications, which is the largest of any year to date. This enrollment will include ten second generation students, a factor in enrollment which I value highly.

Cost acceleration, however, is greater than enrollment increase. The closing of the gap between expenses and income is a serious problem and must be conquered. The questions as to how much student charges can be increased in the foreseeable future and what can be done to increase gift income must be answered.

The summer Bible conference with Dr. Frank Torrey and Rev. Sumner Wemp attracted even larger interest and attendance than the previous conference. Besides the regular daytime services for adults, the children's classes had an average enrollment of 53 and the night services averaged 116. I hope that some of you will make your vacation plans to visit us during the conference next summer, July 23-30.

Gospel Messengers Report Summer Activities

The two five-member Gospel Messenger teams which traveled for the summer reported profitable experiences of testimony and association in churches, with youth groups, and in camps and conferences in fourteen states and Washington, D. C.

One of the highlights for the mixed quartet, their accompanist Miss Carol Lyons, and field representative F. J. Goatley, was a telecast made over closed circuit T.V. to all stations at

the New York World's Fair through the facilities of RCA and arranged by Ira Eshleman of Bibletown, U.S.A., in Boca Raton, Fla.

The team participated in making this 30-minute color telecast, which is one of a series of Christian films being made by Mr. Eshleman to offer to T.V. stations in Florida. Included on the program with the Bryan musicians were two Christian celebrities: Ray Vaughn, a tenor Gospel singer, who was formerly with Don McNeill of the Chicago Breakfast Club; and Russell Reed, an actor who since his conversion produces and directs Christian movies and has had a lead role in "Unshackled" a film produced by Chicago's Pacific Garden Mission. The rehearsal and actual filming of the telecast was one of the World's Fair attractions sponsored by RCA for visitors to view the processes of making color telecasts.

This team also shared in a week's camp program at Camp Nathaniel in Emmalena, Ky., and had shorter stays at Hilltop Ranch for youth in Maryland, and North Mountain Bible Conference in Red Rock, Pa. They assisted in Saturday night youth rallies in Bridgeport, W. Va.; Reisterstown, Md.; Westmoreland, N. Y.; Youngstown, Ohio; Harrisburg and Lancaster, Pa.; and Washington, D. C.

The instrumental trio and accompanist along with their director, Miss Virginia Seguire, spent their final week on tour in a youth camp in Watertown, Ohio. They were camp musicians, recreation directors, counselors, and had the Bible classes for the teenagers. This week was part of the replacement for the cancelled trip to the Dominican Republic because of the unsettled political situation.

This team had particular profit in holding services in a number of churches pastored by Bryan alumni, particularly in Alabama, Florida, Indiana, and Ohio.

Six of their Saturday nights were occupied with youth rallies in Pensacola, Fla.; Jackson, Miss.; Warren, Toledo, Cincinnati, and Elyria, Ohio.

Pastors or youth directors who may wish to have a Bryan team during the spring vacation or during the summer months should address their requests to the Public Relations office at Bryan College to be included on future schedules.

Bryan Mementos Collected

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Harry Berger, of Waco, Nebraska, the college recently secured several mementos formerly used in the home of William Jennings Bryan. Mrs. Berger was a nurse for Mr. Bryan's niece and had selected these items as part of her remunerations.

The most valuable item in the collection is a gold-headed walking stick which was a hand-carved and personally inscribed gift to Mr. Bryan through the Knights of Columbus. Other items include a highly decorated incense burner from Japan, a Wedgewood china teapot copied from the John Wesley teapot from England, three small brass bowls and a brass dish from China, one brass bed lamp with an amber-colored globe from India, and a carved marble vase from Old Mexico.

A head and shoulders wood-carving of William Jennings Bryan done by Henry J. Geiger, a sculptor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been presented to the college by Dr. E. B. Keisler, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church of Clinton, S. C. Dr. Keisler was the commencement speaker in June, 1964 and secured the services of Mr. Geiger for this special assignment.



Four Bryan Faculty Members Receive Advanced Degrees

Leading Bryan faculty members in the pursuit of advanced degrees, Dr. Karl E. Keefer, dean, completed his work this spring to receive the doctor of education degree in educational psychology from the University of Tennessee at the June commencement.

At the same occasion Tseng Min Hsu, a 1962 graduate of Bryan and current mathematics instructor, received the master of science degree in mathematics.

Also in June, Miss Virginia Seguire, an alumna with the class of 1954 and Bryan's assistant librarian, received the master of arts degree in library science from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo following one semester's leave of absence. She traveled this summer with a Bryan Gospel Messengers' team and has returned to Bryan as head librarian.

Thomas W. Beal, instructor in biology and chemistry and an alumnus of 1963, was awarded the master of science degree with a major in plant physiology at the August commencement of the University of Tennessee.

Also pursuing advanced study at the doctoral level are Blair Bentley in history, Richard Cornelius in English, and Daryle Worley in music. Mr. Bentley, assistant professor in history, completed his residence work at the University of Tennessee in June and passed his second language examination this summer. Mr. Cornelius, assistant professor of English and a Bryan graduate with the class of 1955, has also completed residence work and language requirements at the University of Tennessee. He now will proceed with the writing of his doctoral dissertation.

Mr. Worley, assistant professor of music, began his doctoral program this summer at the University of Indiana. He is majoring in the area of voice and theory.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

and

ALUMNI HOMECOMING

OCTOBER 14-17



Mr. Jones



Mrs. Jones



Mrs. McGarvey

New Faculty, Staff Members Appointed for Fall Semester

The addition of five new faculty members at Bryan this fall provides new strength in several departments and makes possible the enlarging of the curriculum. The new teachers are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, who will teach in the English department; Mrs. Mary McGarvey, who will be assistant professor of education; Alan Winkler, who will head the Christian education department; and Jack Wells, who will be athletic director and physical education instructor, replacing Cleve Oliver.

Mr. Jones' specialty is speech and Mrs. Jones will be a part-time instructor of freshman grammar and composition. Mr. Jones holds the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary and has done additional graduate work at Texas Christian University. Mrs. Jones is a graduate of Bob Jones University and has done further graduate study at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, North Texas State University, and Texas Woman's University. Mr. and Mrs. Jones came from Decatur, Texas, where Mr. Jones was on the faculty of the Decatur Baptist College and served as public relations director. The Joneses have two children, Susan and Charles, who attend Rhea Central High School.

With an increasing demand from Bryan students to be certified for teaching, the education department will be able to continue its growth through the addition of Mrs. Mary McGarvey, recently of Santa Barbara, California. Mrs. McGarvey has been employed in the Santa Barbara Public Schools and previously taught in the Pennsylvania Public Schools. She holds the master of education degree from Indiana State College, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and has done additional graduate work at the University of California.

Mr. McGarvey will assist in the maintenance department. The McGarveys have one teenage son, John, at home, and three older children away from home.

The appointment of Mr. Wells and Mr. Winkler was reported in the last issue of the NEWSETTE.

In addition to the five new faculty members, three new staff members, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Higgins and Miss Beatrice Pendleton, have been employed. Mr. Higgins is a maintenance engineer, Mrs. Higgins will be an office secretary, and Miss Pendleton will be a dormitory counselor and assist in the intramural sports program.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have recently arrived from Kansas City, Missouri, where they have worked since 1961 with the Christian Business and Professional Women's Clubs at their headquarters in that city. Previously they worked in Florida and were home missionaries in Kentucky.

Miss Pendleton, a 1965 Bryan graduate, is a native of Payne Gap, Kentucky. At the Honors Day banquet this year, she was awarded the Testimony and Influence Prize, given to the senior who has an outstanding Christian testimony and

exerts the best Christian influence on incoming students. Selection for this prize is by secret ballot of the freshmen.



Mr. & Mrs. Higgins



Miss Pendleton

FMF Conference Joins With Annual Alumni Homecoming

Missionary leader Fred C. Renich, of Detroit, Mich., will be the main speaker at the October 14-17 Missions



Mr. Renich

conference sponsored by the Bryan College chapter of the Foreign Missions Fellowship. In conjunction with this conference the Bryan Alumni Association will hold its thirteenth annual homecoming. The cooperative event enables Bryan alumni missionaries on furlough to be guests of the college for both these events and enables other alumni to share their visit.

Mr. Renich is general director of Missionary Internship, Inc., which has its headquarters in Farmington, Mich. As a missionary to China who was forced to evacuate because of the communists seizure of that land, Mr. Renich has traveled extensively on mission fields of the Orient and in South America. He is thus well prepared to understand the needs of missionaries in various fields and to direct the program of the inter-mission organization which is engaged in counselling, evaluating, and screening candidates who are provisionally accepted by various mission boards. The candidates undergo a period of seven months of highly supervised training in cooperating churches of the Detroit area prior to final acceptance by their respective boards.

Morning and evening chapel services on Thursday and Friday will be addressed by Mr. Renich, and class sessions on Friday will be reserved for alumni missionary speakers. A joint FMF and Alumni vesper service on Sunday afternoon will conclude the weekend fellowship.

Saturday will be given over to the alumni homecoming activities with



Education Department Receives Grant of Teaching Tools

The education department at Bryan has received a \$2,000 grant of teaching tools and reference materials given by the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company to each of approximately 700 accredited teacher training institutions.

The grant includes three machines—a transparency maker and copier, a classroom overhead projector, and a portable overhead projector. In addition, there is a lecture series and workshop guide on visual aids, an accessories kit for preparing and using transparencies, a set of reference books on visual aids, and some 200 packets of transparency originals on various subjects for teaching aids.

a business meeting in the afternoon and the annual homecoming banquet in the evening. Ray Childress '55 of Pikeville, Ky., is president of the Alumni Association, and Miss Virginia Seguire '54, of Dayton, is chairman of the homecoming committee.

An additional gift of a photo copy machine for use in making reproductions from books provided by the class of 1965 will complement the larger grant.

In making the recent \$1.5 million Assistance Grant to Education Programs, the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company is seeking to assist the teacher training institutions in making improvements in the entire education system. Through better trained teachers it is hoped to produce better students, who through their training and motivation will help move America forward in the future.

The new teaching tools will be available in the visual aids laboratory of the education department. A large majority of Bryan students will benefit by the instruction in the use of the equipment, since approximately three-fourths of Bryan's current graduates are being certified to teach at elementary or secondary levels.

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